

Seeking eligibility for endorsement to  
Licensure as a Professional Counselor (PC)

Any current MA School Counseling student or graduate of the University of Toledo School Counseling Master's Program who wants a curriculum endorsement for the eligibility to apply for licensure as a Professional Counselor (PC), but is not seeking admission to the Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, must apply for admission to the Clinical Mental Health Endorsement Program. The application shall consist of an application form and a clinical mental health specific plan of study. The applicant's advisor will review the application and approve for completion. Applicants will be notified if they are approved. If they are not approved, they will not be permitted to take COUN 6/8940: Counseling Internship (Clinical MH) and they will not be endorsed for clinical mental health licensure.

Courses completed more than six (6) years ago may have to be retaken. The student may be required to complete a clinical mental health counseling practicum in addition to the clinical mental health counseling internship. In all cases, per ORC 4757.22, students will have to complete twenty (20) semester credit hours across five (5) areas: Clinical Psychopathology; Evaluation of Mental and Emotional Disorders; Diagnosis of Mental and Emotional Disorders; Methods of Intervention and Prevention of Mental and Emotional Disorders; and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders. The University of Toledo requires students seeking the Clinical Mental Health endorsement to enroll specifically in: COUN 5020 Professional Orientation to Clinical Mental Health Counseling, COUN 6210 Psychopathology, COUN 7540 Advanced Personality Assessment, COUN 6240 Diagnosis & Mental Health Counseling, a selected course from the Intervention & Prevention Area, and an additional 8 credit hour/600 hour COUN 6/8940 Counseling Internship in Clinical Mental Health. COUN 5010, COUN 5130, COUN 5140, COUN 5180, and COUN 6240 must be successfully completed prior to approval to enroll in a clinical mental health counseling internship.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Coordinator and the Department Chairperson must approve the Endorsement Plan of Study. The Coordinator and Chairperson must provide written approval for any changes to the Endorsement Plan of Study. The ethical responsibility of faculty members is to endorse only those students who complete the aforementioned coursework, possess the required skills, personal qualities, maturity, and mental capacities to apply for professional licensure. The state licensure board is responsible for granting professional licensure, not the counselor education program.